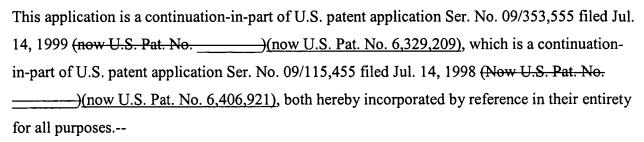## Amendments to the Specification

Please amend paragraph number 1, immediately following the application title as follows:

--CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. patent application Ser. No. 09/353,555 filed Jul. 14, 1999 ~~(now U.S. Pat. No.~~ ————)(now U.S. Pat. No. 6,329,209), which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. patent application Ser. No. 09/115,455 filed Jul. 14, 1998 ~~(Now U.S. Pat. No.~~ ————)(now U.S. Pat. No. 6,406,921), both hereby incorporated by reference in their entirety for all purposes.--

Please add the following new paragraph after paragraph [0067]:

[0067.1] In some versions of the array, the diameter of each of the patches is proportional to the distance separating the patches. Therefore, the area of each patch may be from about 100 nm^2 to about 40,000 μm^2. Each patch preferably has an area from about 1 μm^2 to about 10,000 μm^2.